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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

MADISON, JANUARY 25, 1854.

To the Legislature:

I herewith transmit the annual report of Henry Brown, late State Prison Commissioner. This report shows the number of convicts confined on the 31st December to have been sixty-one.

I am informed that the present prison building contains but sixty-seven cells, showing room only for six additional convicts. The probable early increase of the number of convicts would seem to demand, that additional buildings be erected with all possible dispatch.

The commissioner reports that he did, on the 14th day of December, enter into a contract with Andrew Proudfit, for doing the mason work of the south wing of the main building, to be completed by the 20th December, 1854, upon an enlarged plan of the Albany county penitentiary; which will contain 280 cells.

The indebtedness of the prison on the 31st December, as appears from the report, was $12,880 28. Recommendations are made by the commissioner, of appropriations to defray expenses of the current year, and for the erection of the proposed building.

The report in regard to the past year's expenses, and the future necessity of the prison, is not sufficiently explicit to warrant any definite recommendation at this time, except that of the appointment of a joint committee of the legislature, to make personal examinations for the purpose of bringing before you more clearly all matters connected with the same.

WM. A. BARSTOW.

REPORT.

To His Excellency Leonard J. Farwell,

Governor of the State of Wisconsin:

SIR:—In pursuance of the requirements of section 6, chapter 477, of the Session Laws of 1852, the Commissioner begs leave to submit his Second Annual Report.

My Report ending the 31st day of December, 1852, showed an outstanding debt against the Prison to that date, of two thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents. An appropriation was made to the Governor to pay said indebtedness, also to pay the debts of the Prison to the first day of April, 1853. I am not advised in what manner those claims have been settled, consequently the only time included in this Report is from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of December next preceeding its date.

The number of convicts in the Prison, April 1, 1853, were - - - - - - - - - -	26
Received from April 1, to December 31, - -	38
Whole number imprisoned during that time, - -	64
Discharged by expiration of sentence, - - -	3
Whole number confined December 31, - - -	61

Of this number five are females.

The above statement shows an increase of thirty-eight prisoners in nine months.

Section 40, chapter 477, Session Laws of 1853, direct the Commissioner to choose a plan for the new Prison. The plan chosen by me, and submitted in my Report, made December 31, 1852, was as follows:

The building to comprise a central building, fifty feet front, and seventy-five feet in depth, with two wings, each one hundred feet long and fifty wide.

In the centre of each wing is a block of one hundred and twenty cells, four tiers in height, exclusive of the octagonal towers, making in all, when completed, two hundred and fifty-six cells.

The increase of prisoners for the past year has so far exceeded my expectations, that I am of the opinion that a larger building will be needed. I would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of extending each wing one hundred feet farther, making the wings two hundred feet each; it would then be large enough to accommodate five hundred and sixty prisoners. This addition can be made without any loss of material or inconvenience otherwise.

A resolution passed the Legislature, July 12th, 1853, directing the Commissioner to let a contract for doing the mason work upon the South wing of the Prison. Said contract was let on the 14th day of December, 1853, to Andrew Proudfit: the work to be completed on or before the 26th day of December, 1854, and to be built according to the enlargement mentioned above. Provided, the Legislature shall approve of the same; if not approved of, then to be built according to the plan already adopted by them.

The following is a statement of the disbursements of the Prison, and of the amount of money received by me:

For labor,	$6,970 35
" provisions,	3,013 37
" stone,	1,233 25
" lumber,	705 74
" wood,	35 62
" pump,	10 00
" revolvers,	64 50
" leather,	58 89
" oil cloth,	16 20
" cloth and clothing,	232 59
" iron and steel,	876 79
" paid discharged prisoners,	16 50
" coal,	38 69
" castings,	13 35
" stoves and pipe,	94 00
" printing and stationery,	56 88
" store accounts,	1,983 75
" teaming, transportation, and truckage,	1,900 10

For travel fees,		$296 06
" hogs,		32 00
" furniture,		14 56
" books,		17 00
" tubs,		8 25
" sand, brick and lime,		64 90
" tools,		14 39
Whole expenditures of Prison,		$17,767 73
Received from E. H. Janssen,	4,800 00	
" for work done,	87 45	
		4,887 45
Showing the present indebtedness of the Prison to be		$12,880 28

The following is the inventory of Personal Property belonging to the Prison:

Fixtures and buildings made within the last year,	$2,000 00
Tools in stone shop,	400 00
Tools and stock in joiner shop,	250 14
Tools and stock in blacksmith shop,	350 54
Furniture for kitchen,	214 68
Furniture for Matron's room,	50 00
Cloth on hand,	129 33
Beds, bedding, &c., for cells,	610 40
Amount of work done and material on foundation of new building,	500 00
Stoves and Pipe,	330 00
Stone sold to A. Proudfit,	10,000 00

Amount of provisions on hand, . . .	$520 76
Clothing for prisoners, ...	600 00
Barber's tools, ...	15 00
Revolvers, ...	125 00
Shoemaker's tools, ...	15 00
Ladders, axes, &c.	10 00
Hogs, ...	25 00
Muskets, ...	195 00
Whole amount of property on hand, . .	$16,340 85

The following table shows the title and number of books comprising the Prison Library:

1 Large Bible.
24 Small Bibles.
6 Small Testaments.
4 Vols. D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.
1 " Hale's Scripture History.
1 " Nelson on Infidelity.
1 " Baxter's Saint's Rest.
2 " Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress.
1 " Flavel's Fountain of Life.
1 " Flavel's Christ Knocking at the Door.
1 " Elegant Narratives.
1 " Afflicted Man's Companion.
1 " Memoirs of Summerfield.
1 " Anecdotes for the Family.
1 " Pictorial Narratives.
2 " Books for Children and Youth.

1 Vol. Dodridge's Rise and Progress.
1 " Persuasives to Early Piety.
1 " { Memoir of S. Pearce.
Redeemer's Last Command and Foster's Appeal.
1 " Reformation in Europe.
1 " Clark's Scripture Promises.
1 " Religion and Eternal Life.
1 " James' Anxious Inquirer.
1 " Young Men from Home.
1 " Nevin's Practical Thoughts.
8 " Hannah Moore's Repository Tracts.
1 " Memoir of H. Page.
1 " Dairyman's Daughter, &c.,
1 " Letters and Councils of Leigh Richmond.
1 " Acquaintance with God.
1 " Life of Leighton.
1 " Allen's Alarm.
2 " Temperance Manual.
1 " Putnam and the Wolf.
1 " The Bible True.
1 " The Backslider.
1 " Commands Explained.
1 " Universalism not of God.
1 " Interesting Narratives.
1 " The Village in the Mountains.
1 " The Sabbath Manual.
6 " Gibson's History of Rome.
6 " Hume's History of England.
2 " McCauley's History of England.

1	Vol.	The Three Mrs. Judson's.
1	"	Life of Benjamin Franklin.
1	"	Lives of Mary and Martha Washington.
1	"	Life of Rev. A. Judson.
1	"	Fremont's Exploring Expedition.
1	"	Franklin's Essays.
9	"	Hymn Books.
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I would recommend an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the Prison for the ensuing year; also an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars to defray the expenses of erecting the south wing of the Prison. I would also recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars to be expended for suitable books for the Prison Library.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY BROWN,
State Prison Commissioner.

Dated Waupun, Dec. 31, 1853.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, } ss.
Dodge County,

HENRY BROWN, being duly sworn, says that the matters and things set forth in the statements made in the foregoing Report are just and true, according to the best of his knowledge and belief.

H. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 17th day of January, 1854.

J. WARE,
Notary Public.